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SUBJ: UNRWA'S PROBLEMS WITH PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON

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1. UNRWA OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT AGENCY OPERATIONS (EXCEPT SANITATION/WATER SERVICES) IN ALL 15 REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON ARE NOW AT STANDSTILL. OCCUPATION OF AGENCY OFFICES AT SIDON AND TYRE CONTINUES, AS DOES SIT-IN DEMONSTRATION AT BEIRUT FIELD OFFICE. IN ADDITION, SEPT 6 SAW WALKOUT BY UNRWA LOCAL EMPLOYEES AT BOTH FIELD OFFICE AND UNRWA HEADQUARTERS IN RESPONSE TO PLO CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE (PARA 2, REFTEL). LOCAL SATFF RETURNED TO WORK AT HEADQUARTERS SEPT 7, BUT FIELD OFFICE IS NOW BEING MANNED ONLY BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF, WHOSE OFFICES ARE STAKED OUT BE DEMONSTRATORS.

2. COMGEN RENNIE HAS SPENT ENTIRE PAST TWO DAYS TRYING GAIN
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ACCESS TO LEBANESE MININT TAKIEDDINE AND OTHER SENIOR

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GOL OFFICIALS (PRIMIN AND FONMIN BEING ABSENT IN ALGIERS)
IN EFFORT CONVINCE THEM OF NEED FOR EFFECTIVE GOL INTER-
VENTION (SHORT OF USE OF FORCE) TO RESOLVE ABOVE SITUATION.
HIS EFFORTS TO PRESENT AGENCY'S CASE ARE COM-
PLICATED BY TACTICS OF FEDAYEEN REPS, WHO CONTINUALLY
TROT OUT NEW "GRIEVANCES" AGAINST UNRWA IN ORDER MAINTAIN
PRESSURE ON GOL. LATEST EXAMPLE OF THIS PROVIDED BY
SA'IQA'S ZOHAYR MUHSEN, WHO YESTERDAY INSISTED TO MININT
TAKIEDDINE (FBIS M061510) THAT UNRWA MUST, INTER ALIA,
TEACH PALESTINIAN "HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY" IN ITS SCHOOLS
AND ADD ALL "SONS OF MARTYRS" AND NEW-BORN CHILDREN TO ITS
RATION ROLLS. THESE DEMANDS, LIKE SO MANY OTHERS BEING
VOICED BY PALESTINIAN SPOKESMEN HERE, ARE PATENTLY IM-
POSSIBLE FOR UNRWA TO FULFILL.
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